Bridge across river Vasista

* 81 Q.—THIRU B. VENKATASWAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state--

(a) whether any causeway across the River Vasista has been taken up for execution by the Attur Municipality during the calender years 1971 and 1972; and

(b) if so, the amount of loans given by the Government for the scheme?

THE HON. THIRU S. RAMACHANDRAN: (a) The Attur Municipal Council had a proposal for the construction of causeway bridge across River Vasista connecting Pudupet S.C. Road and Mullaivadi Perumal Naidu Street at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.00 lakhs. The estimate was sent to the Superintending Engineer (Highways and Rural Works), Coimbatore in March 1972. The Superintending Engineer (Highways and Rural Works), Coimbatore did not approve the estimate for the reason that the site is suitable only for the construction of high-level bridge and not causeway. Hence the work could not be taken up for execution.

(b) The Municipal Council had obtained a loan of Rs. 80,000 from Government during 1972-73. Since the Municipal Council could not take up the work for execution, the entire loan amount obtained from Government was remitted to the State Funds.

THIRU B. VENKATASWAMY: Sir, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether the high-level bridge would be constructed in the interests of the local people so as to meet their traffic needs?

THE HON. THIRU S. RAMACHANDRAN: Sir, the approximate estimate of the high-level bridge works out to Rs. 10 lakhs. It is for the Municipal Council to take a decision on this.